

FLORIDA

There were 45 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2002. Total water surface area was 880 acres, an increase of 200 acres from 2001. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (700 acres) and fingerlings (125 acres). Total sales in Florida in 2001 were \$1,327,000. The majority of the sales were to processors.

UNITED STATES

Catfish growers in the 13 selected States had sales of 443 million dollars during 2001, down 12 percent from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 95 percent of the U. S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish decreased 12 percent from 2000 to 410 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 23.8 million dollars, an increase of 2 percent from 2000. Sales of stockers totaled 8.42 million dollars in 2001, up 10 percent from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 94 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 87 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2002, totaled 196,590 acres, up slightly from the 195,820 acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5,535 are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002. An additional 2,725 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2002. During the period of July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, the area taken out of production totaled 3,945 acres. As of January 1, 2002, acres used for foodfish production were 158,970, fingerling producing acres totaled 27,900, and 5,046 acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish producers had 1.17 million broodfish on hand January 1, 2002, down 12 percent from January 1, 2001. Large foodsize fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.7 million on January 1, 2002, up 56 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 20 percent to 106 million, and small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers increased 20 percent to 287 million. Large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2002, at 311 million fish, were down 14 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers decreased 24 percent to 365 million. There were 1.07 billion fingerlings on hand January 1, 2002, up 4 percent from January 1, 2001.

CATFISH: Water Surface Acres Utilization of Acres Jan 1, 2001 & 2002, and Acres Taken Out of Production
Jul 1-Dec 31, 2001, by State

State	Water surface acres		Utilization of acres, 2001			Taken out of production in 2000
			Reno- vated	New con- struction	Used for brood- fish	
	Jan 1 2001	Jan 1 2002				
AL	24,400	25,900	200	820	720	430
AR	36,000	38,000	750	*	700	1,100
FL	680	880	*	25	51	*
LA	13,300	12,100	590	130	220	1,000
MS	112,700	111,500	3,700	1,400	3,000	1,200
MO	2,090	1,800	45	15	45	25
Oth ^{1/}	6,650	6,410	250	335	310	190
Total	195,820	196,590	5,535	2,725	5,046	3,945

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. * Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number of operations and annual sales

State	Number of operations		Annual sales	
	January 1 2001	January 1 2002	2000	2001
Thousand dollars				
AL	270	240	81,617	69,965
AR	185	195	65,737	65,306
FL	38	45	1,296	1,327
LA	80	70	32,976	26,207
MS	400	395	300,303	260,852
MO	45	40	3,117	2,840
Oth ^{1/}	259	264	16,354	16,983
Total	1,277	1,209	501,400	443,480

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of broodfish, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Thousands				
AL	155	70	890	360
AR	210	170	950	780
FL	*	5	*	33
LA	*	*	*	*
MS	860	800	3,950	3,800
MO	10	*	45	*
Oth ^{1/}	92	126	469	576
Total	1,327	1,171	6,304	5,549

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of all foodsizes, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Thousands				
AL	46,990	66,450	60,100	88,600
AR	53,600	74,440	73,300	101,250
LA	21,040	20,740	27,350	29,080
MS	199,520	228,350	246,600	273,300
MO	2,495	2,125	3,450	2,860
Oth ^{1/}	10,808	11,889	16,182	18,204
Total	334,453	403,994	426,982	513,294

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of total stockers, January 1 ^{1/}

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Thousands				
AL	60,000	72,800	16,500	19,000
AR	141,200	115,300	25,200	20,450
LA	27,700	29,200	5,430	5,350
MS	601,400	447,400	138,300	105,400
MO	4,500	3,850	810	720
Oth ^{2/}	10,487	7,828	2,099	1,718
Total	845,287	676,378	188,339	152,638

^{1/} Total stockers: Over 60 lbs to 750 lbs/ 1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, FL, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of fingerling, January 1 ^{1/}				
State	Total number of fish		Total liveweight of fish	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands			
AL	57,000	53,000	2,350	2,400
AR	167,000	197,000	3,900	3,850
FL	240	5,000	14	47
LA	39,400	55,800	1,910	1,980
MS	737,000	727,000	27,400	24,500
MO	7,400	*	148	*
Oth ^{2/}	15,493	28,600	508	955
Total	1,023,533	1,066,400	36,230	33,732

^{1/} Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Foodsize percent sold by outlet type, 2001					
State	Live-haul	Fee/Rec fishing	Process	Retail rest. & Fd. Stor	Other outlets
AL	0	1	92	0	7
AR	0	0	96	5	1
FL	0	*	96	0	*
LA	1	0	98	0	0
MS	0	0	99	0	0
MO	3	3	*	0	*
Wt.avg. ^{1/}	0.8	0.8	94.3	1.4	2.4

^{1/} Includes AL, CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of all stockers								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AR	15,200	18,300	3,000	2,900	2,850	2,726	0.95	0.94
MS	35,800	42,400	2,920	3,530	3,037	4,059	1.04	1.15
Oth ^{1/}	15,302	4,773	2,188	2,159	1,763	1,633	0.75	0.70
Total	66,302	65,473	8,138	8,589	7,650	8,418	0.94	0.98

^{1/} Includes AL, CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, MO, NC, OK, TN, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of all foodsize								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	64,900	60,000	113,000	115,000	77,970	67,850	0.69	0.59
AR	48,000	51,600	80,000	94,000	59,200	59,220	0.74	0.63
LA	25,200	29,000	44,000	40,000	31,680	24,800	0.72	0.62
MS	271,500	255,600	380,000	381,000	281,200	240,030	0.74	0.63
MO	1,780	1,010	2,590	2,180	2,253	1,984	0.87	0.91
Oth ^{1/}	8,765	9,520	14,197	14,979	16,512	16,602	1.16	--
Total	420,145	406,730	633,787	647,159	468,815	410,486	0.74	0.63

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of fingerlings and fry								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	*	36,200	*	1,600	*	1,920	*	1.20
AR	111,000	123,800	2,100	1,900	3,570	3,249	1.70	1.71
FL	*	3,500	*	110	*	220	*	2.00
LA	11,400	*	360	*	1,260	*	3.50	1.60
MS	577,800	805,700	8,130	10,200	14,878	16,320	1.83	*
Oth ^{1/}	53,140	38,145	1,776	796	3,735	2,108	2.07	2.74
Total	753,340	1,007,345	12,366	14,606	23,443	23,817	1.90	1.63

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